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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
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POST-STORM DEBRIS BASIN CLEANOUTS

Public Works will perform sediment cleanout at debris basins that were impacted due to the recent storms. The storms have caused significant sediment accumulation at these facilities, and cleanouts are necessary to restore the design storage capacity and to protect downstream residents and properties.

Public Works' standard practice is to remove sediment from debris basins when they have reached 25 percent capacity. However, if a debris basin is located within a recently burned watershed, Public Works' practice is to remove sediment when the basin has reached 5 percent capacity anytime during the five-year period after the burn. The facilities that require immediate cleanout are as follows:

<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Linda Vista Debris Basin.....	Glendale
Pickens Debris Basin.....	La Crescenta
Upper Gould Debris Basin.....	La Canada-Flintridge
Scholl Debris Basin.....	Glendale
Big Briar Debris Basin.....	La Canada-Flintridge
Deer Debris Basin.....	Glendale
Blanchard Debris Basin.....	Tujunga
Mullally Debris Basin.....	La Canada-Flintridge
Brand Debris Basin.....	Glendale
Childs Debris Basin.....	Glendale
Sunset Lower Debris Basin.....	Burbank

<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Winery Debris Basin.....	La Canada-Flintridge
Halls Debris Basin.....	La Canada-Flintridge
Mustang DRI.....	Castaic
Royal Terminus DRI.....	Castaic
Knoll Debris Basin.....	Castaic
Victoria DRI.....	Castaic
Verdugo Debris Basin.....	Glendale

Several additional debris basins are still inundated with water. Public Works is continuing to dewater and monitor these facilities in order to determine if any sediment cleanouts are necessary. The facilities where future cleanouts are possible are:

<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
La Tuna Debris Basin.....	Sunland
Stetson Debris Basin.....	Sylmar
Sombrero Debris Basin.....	Sylmar
May Debris Basin.....	Los Angeles
Limekiln Debris Basin.....	Chatsworth
Wilson Debris Basin.....	Olive View
Aliso Debris Basin.....	Granada Hills
Schwartz Debris Basin.....	Lake View Terrace
Santa Anita Debris Basin.....	Sierra Madre
Sawpit.....	Monrovia
Big Dalton.....	Glendora
Little Dalton Debris Basin.....	Glendora
Englewild Debris Basin.....	Glendora
Emerald Debris Basin.....	La Verne
Fair Oaks Debris Basin.....	Altadena
Inverness Debris Basin.....	Pasadena
Kinneloa West Debris Basin.....	Altadena
Lincoln Debris Basin.....	Altadena
Rubio Debris Basin.....	Altadena

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Cleanout activities will be coordinated with the affected cities to address community notification, traffic, and dust issues. In addition, Public Works will notify the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board of these debris basin cleanouts.

The estimated cost to perform these debris basin cleanouts and other storm-related damages will be included in a subsequent report to your Board with details on the possible impact to scheduled flood control and water quality projects.

If you have any additional questions, please call me or your staff may call Brian Sasaki at (626) 458-4008.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
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